

SIXTY-THIRD  
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE  
**BOARD OF DIRECTION**

OF THE  
Mercantile Library  
ASSOCIATION,

OF THE  
CITY OF NEW YORK.

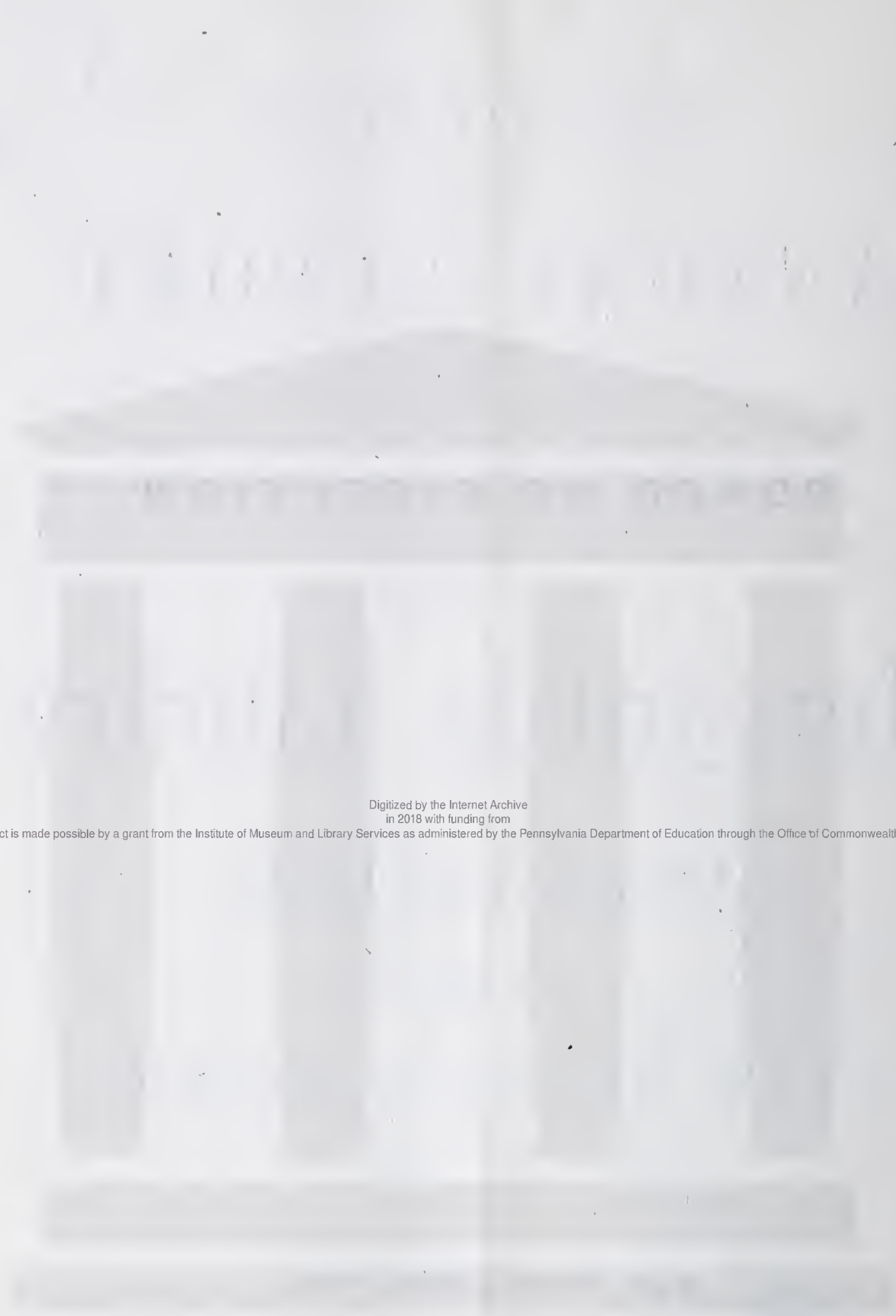
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# PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

## *FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.*

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1820—23..LUCIUS BULL.  
1823—24..CORNELIUS SAVAGE.  
1824—26..BENJAMIN I. SEWARD.  
1827—31..R. B. BROWN.  
1832—34..JOHN W. STEBBINS.  
1834—35..R. R. BOYD.  
1836—37..CHARLES ROLFE.  
1838.....EDMUND COFFIN.  
1839.....JOHN S. WINTHROP.  
1839.....ELIJAH WARD.  
1840.....AUGUSTUS E. SILLIMAN.  
1841.....HECTOR MORISON.  
1842.....JOHN T. ROLLINS.  
1843.....LEWIS McMULLEN.  
1843.....RICHARD BURLEW.  
1844—45 CHARLES E. MILNOR.  
1846—47..CORNELIUS L. EVERITT.  
1848.....THOMAS W. GROSER.  
1849.....ISAAC H. BAILEY.  
1850.....THOMAS J. BAYAUD.  
1851.....HENRY A. OAKLEY.  
1852.....GEORGE PECKHAM.  
1853.....WILLARD L. FELT.  
1854.....DANIEL F. APPLETON.  
1855.....D. REYNOLDS BUDD.  
1855—56..GEORGE C. WOOD..  
1856—57..JOHN CRERAR.  
1857—58..ROWLAND H. TIMPSON.  
1857—58..ALEXANDER P. FISKE.

1858—59..E. BOUDINOT SERVOS.  
1859—60..RICHARD A. BACHIA.  
1860—61..CHAS. E. KING SHERMAN.  
1861—62..CHARLES F. ALLEN.  
1862—63..CHARLES OSGOOD.  
1863—64..CHARLES H. SWORDS.  
1864—65..THEODORE H. VULTEE.  
1865—66..ROBT. WALKER IRWIN.  
1866—67..AARON C. ALLEN.  
1867—68..ALEXANDER RHIND.  
1868—69..CHARLES F. ALLEN.  
1869—70..M. C. D. BORDEN.  
1870.....M. C. D. BORDEN.  
1871.....CHARLES F. ALLEN.  
1871—72..ARTHUR W. SHERMAN.  
1872.....CHARLES H. WILSON.  
1872—73..PETER VOORHIS.  
1873—74..CHAS. S. ARTHUR.  
1874—75..SAM'L PUTNAM.  
1875—76..CHAS. C. HOUGH.  
1876—77..WM. H. GUION, JR.  
1877—78..WM. H. GUION, JR.  
1878—79..SEYMOUR A. BUNCE.  
1879—80..W. D. SEARLS.  
1880—81..CHAS. H. PATRICK.  
1881—82..CHAS. H. PATRICK.  
1882—83..A. WETMORE, JR.  
1883—84..ALEX. M. EAGLESON.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS  
OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTION

AND

Officers of the Association for 1883—84.

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*President.*

ALEX. M. EAGLESON.

*Vice-President,*

CHAS. WAGER HULL.

*Treasurer.*

FRANK MUNN.

*Secretary,*

J. L. GRAHAM.

*Directors.*

DAVID C. TIEBOUT.

W. D. SEARLS.

CHAS. H. PATRICK.

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A. WETMORE, Jr.

A. H. TIMPSON.

A. L. BELL.

JAMES MAGEE.

# Sixty-Third Annual Report.

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*Fellow Members :*

Custom, as well as the provisions of the Constitution require that at each annual meeting those who have been selected to manage the affairs of the Institution for the year shall make a report of its condition, and render an account of their management of the interests that have been confided to them

In the discharge of this duty on this occasion, it is with feelings of sincere pleasure that we are enabled to state, that the exhibit now to be presented is much more satisfactory than we dared hope for on assuming the trust one year ago.

Although the causes which have retarded the progress of all libraries, not in one section alone but in all parts of our country, still exist, it is our fortune to be able to show an increased business for the twelve months just ended, as compared with the last fiscal year. Considering the obstacles against which we are compelled to contend, this excess at this time is extremely gratifying.

## **BRANCHES.**

It has frequently been stated by previous boards of direction, in addition to other causes very fully explained, that one of the drawbacks to our Library is its location.

Your Board early in the year determined to supplement the efforts made by the previous Board of Direction, and if possible



establish a Branch Library and Reading Room convenient and accessible to the residential portion of the city.

With the limited means at our command, we found it no easy task to obtain the quarters needed in a desirable location.

After diligent search, requiring considerable labor, the committee having the matter in charge, reported in favor of the site No. 431 Fifth Avenue, between 38th and 39th Streets.

Your Board approved the committee's selection, and thereupon leased the premises for a period of three years at an annual rent of \$2,500.

The place was opened for business on the first of September last.

During the eight months this Branch has been open, 509 new members have joined there: 310 members have transferred their accounts from the Main Library, which, together with 152 Clinton Hall stockholders that have transferred their accounts, makes the total number of persons who have availed themselves of the privileges of this Branch 971.

The total circulation was 19,227 volumes. The largest daily circulation was 245 volumes, April 26th, 1884. The Reading Room and Reference Library, in connection with this Branch, have proved very popular features, and we think this popularity will increase as the advantages offered become more fully known.

#### **DOWN TOWN BRANCH.**

Our lease of the premises at No. 2 Liberty Place expired on the 1st of May last. In consequence of the building having been sold for the purpose of transforming it into a Real Estate Exchange, we were unable to obtain another lease.

We have succeeded in obtaining what we consider very desirable quarters at No. 62 Liberty Street, Room 5, situated on the second floor of the building. The rental is \$475 per year, the same as was paid for the room vacated.

The number of books distributed from this Office during the year was 25,732 volumes.

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## MEMBERSHIP.

Total number of Members on April 30th, 1883, as per last Annual Report, was .....	3,136
Active Members added during the year.....	321
Subscribing " " " " " .....	1,026
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	1,347
Active Members' accounts closed by Constitution, .....	461
Subscribing " " " " " .....	655
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	1,116
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Increase during the year.....	231
Number of Active Members, April 30, 1884.....	1,702
"    Subscribing " " " .....	1,665
"    Honorary " " " .....	73
"    Editors using Library " " .....	50
"    Clinton Hall Stockholders .....	1,701
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Total number of persons entitled to use the Library, April 30th, 1884.....	5,191

A comparison of the above figures with the Membership of last year shows that 366 more persons joined the Library this year than last year, and that while the last Annual Report showed a decrease in Membership of 280, we this year report a net increase of 231.

It is the opinion of your Board that this result is largely due to the opening of the Branch Library on Fifth Avenue.

## CIRCULATION.

The total number of volumes circulated during the year was 126,089, distributed as follows :

From the Main Library .....	79,066
"    "    Down Town Branch.....	25,732
"    "    Fifth Avenue " .....	19,227
By messenger at Members' residences.....	2,064
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	126,089
The number of volumes of Fiction circulated was.....	63,532
Standard Literature.....	49,944
Books in Foreign Languages.....	12,613
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	126,089

The daily average circulation was 413 volumes.

The largest daily circulation was 878 volumes, on March 15th, 1884.

The smallest daily circulation was 230 volumes, on July 12th, 1883.

The number of books used for reference, exclusive of the use of the books permanently kept in the Reference Department, was 14,657 volumes.

The number of Magazines circulated was 3,560.

2,948 notices were sent to members to return books retained overtime.

The total number of books circulated is 13,714 volumes greater than the total circulation of last year.

It is well known to all those who make use of the Reference Department of our Library, that the several thousand of purely reference books contained therein are accessible at all times, while the Library is open, to the members, without their having to order them through the desk clerks.

The record of the extent to which these books have been used has never been taken, and consequently has never appeared as part of our daily business.

The use of these books at times reaches as high as several hundred volumes per day. Estimating the average use per day at 75 volumes, which we believe to be a very low estimate, we shall have for the year about 25,000 volumes.

If we add this number to the figures given above as our total circulation, it will be seen that the actual use of our books for the year exceeds 150,000 volumes.

### **LIBRARY.**

The total number of volumes in the Library is 203,150.

The total accessions during the year was 5,853 volumes. Of this number, 5,574 was acquired by purchase and 279 by donation. The number of duplicate books sold, together with the lost and imperfect books withdrawn from the Library, amount to 1,561 volumes.



Deducting this number from the gross accessions makes the net increase for the year 4,292 volumes. 3,325 volumes have received the attention of the binder during the year.

### FINANCE.

The Treasurer's Report, read this evening, shows that our total income for the year from all sources was \$26,681.06.

The total expenditure was \$24,638.05.

The amount expended for books and periodicals was \$4,751.93, which, together with \$3,671.57 spent by Clinton Hall Association, makes the total amount expended for books \$8,423.50. We are pleased to state that the sum of \$14,875, which for some length of time has been on deposit with the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company at 3 per cent. interest, has been loaned on Real Estate at 5 per cent.

Our investments are as follows :

Bond and Mortgage on House and Lot No. 58 7th Street, Brooklyn, at 6 per cent.....	\$4,000
Bond and Mortgage on House and Lot No. 448 Pearl Street, New York, at 5 per cent.....	15,000
I. G. Everett Fund, deposited in Institution for Savings of Merchants' Clerks, 4 per cent.....	1,000

### DONATIONS.

279 books and 300 pamphlets have been donated to us during the year.

Our thanks have been tendered to the donors for these evidences of their consideration. A list of the donations, with the names of the donors, will appear as an appendix to this report.

It gives us pleasure to announce that our collection of statuary has been increased by the donation, on the part of Mr. James Chambers, of a bust in plaster of the poet Robert Burns, and through Mrs. M. Garland, of a marble bust of the late John W. Stebbins, an ex-Officer of our Association. Our archives show that Mr. Stebbins became a member of the Board of Direction in the year 1827, five years after the Library was founded.

At that time the Library had less than four hundred members, and possessed only 3,200 volumes.

He continued to be connected with the management of the Library until the end of the year 1833, having served for three terms as the Presiding Officer of the Board of Directors and President of the Association. At the annual meeting held January 9th, 1838, as a mark of appreciation of the services rendered to the Library by Mr. Stebbins, the following action was taken: "*Resolved*, That we will erect a tablet to the memory of John W. Stebbins (our late lamented member), inscribing on it, in as brief a manner as possible, his services whilst administering the affairs of this Association; that a Committee of ten Members of the Association be appointed by the Board of Directors to carry into effect the resolution."

This tablet was procured and now adorns the walls of our present Reading Room.

The correspondence relating to the transfer of these gifts will appear as an appendix.

### CLINTON HALL.

As will be seen by reference to the reports of the President and Treasurer of Clinton Hall, they have added to the Library during the year 2,541 volumes. The sum appropriated for the purchase of these books was \$3,671.57.

Our thanks are due to the gentlemen composing the Board of Trustees for the consideration and liberality which has marked their course toward your Board during the past year.

Our request for assistance in maintaining the Fifth Avenue Branch was heartily and readily acceded to, and we have received from them very substantial aid for this object.

Upon the recommendation of the Librarian, they have replaced the old fire extinguishers, five in number, with new ones of the latest and most approved pattern.

**BOOK DELIVERY.**

Last year's Board of Directors, extended the limits of delivering books from 60th Street to all residences or places of business in any part of the city below 80th Street.

In order to still more popularize this branch of our service, your Board reduced the price of delivery from ten to five cents.

We regret that the result has not been what we anticipated and hoped for.

While the number of deliveries has increased from 1,695, which was the number last year, to 2,064, the increase was not sufficient to make good the loss in receipts occasioned by the reduction of the price.

The price of postal orders, notifying members when they can obtain the books that they desire, has been reduced to two cents.

The following is the Report of the Committee appointed to examine the books and other property of the Association.

NEW YORK, April 10th, 1884.

*To the President and Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library :*

GENTLEMEN : Your Committee have examined the books and property of the Association, contained in the rooms of the Library, and have found the same, under the competent management of Mr. William T. Peoples your Librarian, well cared for, well administered, and (so far as the inadequate accommodation offered by their present quarters will allow) well and systematically arranged.

Owing to lack of space in the Reference Department, bound files of newspapers have for some time past been kept in the attic, and when the demand for them is active, much time is lost and additional clerical force is required to bring them from so distant a point. As a partial remedy for this, your Committee would suggest that the room formerly occupied by the Librarian



as an office, be used as a place of deposit for those volumes most frequently asked for.

In view of the ever present danger of the total destruction of the contents of Clinton Hall by fire, it is important that the Association should provide a place of safety for its manuscript catalogues (which constitute a complete schedule of its property in books), in order to prove a loss and recover insurance when it may be necessary, and as the fire-proof safe now in use is not large enough to permit of any addition to its contents, the purchase of another is recommended.

WILLIAM A. SHERMAN,  
EDMUND COFFIN,  
WILLIAM H. GUION, JR.

In addition to perfecting and improving our public Card Catalogue, we have issued during the year two bulletins of the new books that have been added to the Library.

One of these bulletins contained a list of works possessed by the Library on the subject of Free Trade and Protection ; also, Capital, Labor, The Wages Question and Political Economy generally.

We have observed during the year an increased demand for works on the above-named subjects, and this list was prepared to meet that demand and facilitate the use of the books. Although the preparation of these semi-annual bulletins has required increased labor on the part of the Librarian and his assistants, the work has been done without calling in the aid of any extra help.

With the presentation of the above statement, ends the duties required of us by our organic law.

Before concluding, we wish to state that we relinquish our trust, and leave our Institution at the beginning of another fiscal year, absolutely free from debt, each and all obligations have been met and cancelled.

Although our business has not reached the proportions that we



all are so anxious to see, nevertheless we consider our healthy financial condition, coupled with the fact that no backward step has been taken in our development, a sufficient cause for congratulation.

On behalf of the Board.

ALEX. M. EAGLESON,  
*President.*

## Annual Meeting.

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The Sixty-third Annual Meeting of the Mercantile Library Association was held in the room of the Board of Directors on Tuesday evening, May 13th, 1884.

The chair was occupied by the President, Mr. ALEXANDER M. EAGLESON.

Mr. GRAHAM, the Secretary, read the minutes of the last Annual Meeting.

No objection being made, they were declared approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read by the Secretary, and, upon motion, adopted.

The Secretary also read the Reports of the President and Treasurer of Clinton Hall Association, which, upon motion, were received and ordered to be printed with the Annual Report.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Permanent Catalogue Fund was read and ordered to be printed with the Annual Report.

The President read the Sixty-third Annual Report of the Association, which was accepted and ordered to be printed for distribution among the members.

Mr. SAMUEL PUTNAM offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the members of the Mercantile Library Association be tendered to the officers and members of the Board of Directors for the manner in which they have conducted the affairs of the Association during the year. Adopted.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

J. L. GRAHAM,  
*Secretary.*

APPENDIXES  
TO  
ANNUAL REPORT.

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[ **APPENDIX I.** ]

# TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE

## MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

For the Year ending April 30th, 1884.

**RECEIPTS.**

Balance, April 30, 1883.....	\$3,235 72
Initiation Fees.....	1,332 00
Semi-Annual Dues.....	12,895 00
Duplicate Accounts.....	808 50
Amount received for Extra Books and Fines.....	2,546 72
Catalogues.....	50 75
Duplicate Books.....	774 09
Interest.....	648 15
Delivery of Books.....	140 40
Old Paper.....	87 04
Clinton Hall Association .. . . .	4,047 60
Permanent Catalogue Fund Interest.....	115 09
Farmers' Loan and Trust Company.....	14,875 00
	<u>\$41,556 06</u>

**EXPENDITURES.**

Books .....	\$2,898 47
Periodicals .....	1,853 46
Light.....	1,207 80
Salaries.....	6,999 78
Incidentals.....	853 73
Liberty Street Branch Office.....	1,730 26
Insurance.....	443 31
Binding.....	1,230 65
Catalogues .....	722 40
Book Delivery.....	313 30
Stationery.....	1,100 86
Advertising.....	329 82
Fifth Avenue Branch Office.....	4,207 03
Fixtures .....	222 18
Permanent Catalogue Fund.....	400 00
Bond and Mortgage.....	15,000 00
	<u>\$39,513 05</u>
Balance, Lincoln National Bank.....	2,043 01

\$41,556 06



[ **APPENDIX II.** ]

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ANNUAL REPORT,  
OF THE  
President of Clinton Hall Association.

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NEW YORK, May 13, 1884.

*To the President and Directors of the Mercantile Library Association :*

GENTLEMEN : I present herewith the report of the Treasurer for the year ending 1st of May.

The property of the Association is in satisfactory condition and appreciating in value.

Very respectfully,

ISAAC H. BAILEY,  
*President.*

## [ APPENDIX III. ]

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF

## M. C. D. BORDEN, Treasurer

## Clinton Hall Association.

*May, 1884.*

### RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, May, 1883.....	\$4,246 19
Rents collected, less repairs, expenses, &c.....	16,854 27
Bond and Mortgage, E. W. Barstow, paid.....	14,000 00
Interest.....	552 81
	\$35,653 27

### EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	\$3,671 57
Binding.....	615 10
Coal.....	350 50
General Repairs.....	190 74
Janitor.....	399 96
Interest.....	4,850 00
Taxes..	3,503 70
United States Trust Company, on account 37th Street	
Mortgage.....	14,000 00
Mercantile Safe Deposit Company.....	40 00

### MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

On Account Rent Liberty Street Branch.....	237 50
"    "    Fifth Avenue    ".....	2,500 00
Cleaning, Lighting, &c.....	125 00
Clerical Services.....	500 00
Printing Annual Report.....	70 00
	\$31,054 07
Cash on hand, May, 1884.....	\$4,599 20
	\$35,653 27

M. C. D. BORDEN,  
*Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 13th, 1884.

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## INSURANCE.

On Building .....	\$75,000 00
“ Books.....	66,000 00
“ Furniture.....	13,000 00
	<u>\$154,000 00</u>

## BOOKS ADDED DURING THE YEAR, 2,541 VOLUMES,

### CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS :

On Theology.....	105
“ Mental and Moral Science.....	61
“ Political Science .....	97
“ Literature.....	208
“ History, Geography and Travels.....	350
“ Biography.....	212
“ Mathematics.....	2
“ Natural Science .....	49
“ Medical Science.....	27
“ Art.....	117
“ Fiction.....	1,313
	<u>2,541</u>
Previous Purchases.....	39,702
	<u>42,243</u>
Total number of volumes added by Clinton Hall Association	

M. C. D. BORDEN,  
*Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 13th, 1884.

# [APPENDIX IV.]

## ANNUAL ADDITIONS OF MEMBERS AND BOOKS.

Expenditures for Books, Total Receipts, etc., from the 9th of November, 1820, to the 1st of May, 1884.

YEARS.	No. of Mem- bers who have joined the Library.	No. of Vols. acquired by purchase & donation.	Amount Ex- pended for Books and Periodicals.	Amount Ex- pended for Binding.	Donations received.	Total Receipts.
1820-21	204	1,000	\$600 00		\$600 00	\$900 00
1822	76	250	273 00		150 00	510 00
1823	81	100	150 00		250 00	726 69
1824	77	175	208 00			712 23
1825	257	675	619 00	\$73 00	795 00	1,469 00
1826	471	1,000	756 72	190 28	785 75	2,246 42
1827	360	1,200	695 12	31 38		1,750 52
1828	295	1,000	330 27	146 25		1,572 47
1829	414	600	562 30	154 28		1,701 81
1830	486	600	567 91	99 25		1,755 82
1831	507	750	1,177 19	68 48		2,360 71
1832	383	864	1,107 36	197 55		3,033 58
1833	382	1,379	1,303 98	224 20		2,978 98
1834	393	1,090	1,278 20	223 29		2,977 59
1835	680	1,522	2,126 32	238 51		4,333 18
1836	867	1,845	2,286 74	250 70		5,110 80
1837	936	2,547	2,806 47	186 04		6,109 20
1838	1,003	2,471	3,115 72	423 91		7,477 99
1839	1,097	3,583	4,278 23	729 60		8,082 15
1840	501	390	1,995 19	615 42		7,071 17
1841	627	1,139	1,495 12	591 75		6,935 30
1842	308	1,252	2,179 79	670 77		5,567 70
1843	252	465	797 80	536 85		4,355 86
1844	387	745	708 35	271 25		3,959 20
1845	582	1,428	1,628 60	402 65		4,082 04
1846	609	1,883	2,072 59	500 34		5,044 61
1847	687	2,258	3,311 95	549 19		5,902 90
1848	681	2,276	3,392 71	445 52		6,286 21
1849	1,013	2,517	3,531 83	600 35		7,207 06
1850	1,116	1,865	2,638 63	286 72	3,000 00	10,691 95
1851	1,041	2,957	4,050 01	560 84		8,290 00
1852	1,293	4,346	4,786 35	889 67		9,931 72
1853	991	2,900	3,916 54	418 96		8,929 82
1854	1,216	2,400	3,019 07	381 26		9,691 95
1855-56	1,783	3,588	4,477 42	1,475 44		14,223 95
1856-57	1,088	1,521	1,384 21	661 10		10,453 95
1857-58	877	824	1,615 93	581 77		9,182 50
1858-59	969	3,040	3,537 80	521 53		9,509 59
1859-60	1,080	3,183	3,259 52	342 87	10,050 00	20,615 86
1860-61	1,109	2,827	3,141 37	318 62	50 00	11,249 19
1861-62	792	1,322	2,663 41	135 72	400 00	10,276 47
1862-63	803	4,581	3,358 70	817 03		12,711 21
1863-64	1,564	6,047	7,412 80	318 23		17,638 94
1864-65	2,830	7,408	10,420 81	586 60	4,000 00	29,146 81
1865-66	3,332	9,023	11,639 18	582 90	2,000 00	41,761 01
1866-67	2,825	10,090	12,479 11	1,000 45		40,380 36
1867-68	2,689	9,351	11,075 29	660 24	5,000 00	41,722 50
1868-69	2,434	12,024	13,092 98	593 75		38,014 82
1869-70	3,129	13,000	11,894 97	1,577 75		40,468 00
1870-71	2,379	12,210	10,831 01	1,414 70		42,258 81
1871-72	2,511	10,914	10,491 88	2,039 58		44,678 31
1872-73	2,004	6,919	6,631 26	2,298 85		38,869 46
1873-74	1,860	5,455	10,174 08	951 37	1,500 00	35,980 67
1874-75	1,850	9,062	10,387 00	591 50		34,657 83
1875-76	1,694	10,618	11,326 44	1,116 05	1,000 00	34,907 02
1876-77	1,584	10,198	10,307 24	1,189 24		35,094 76
1877-78	1,306	8,331	7,420 71	1,148 89	5,000 00	34,799 02
1878-79	1,254	7,027	6,949 38	739 84		27,357 53
1879-80	1,481	6,439	5,633 74	750 66		26,356 32
1880-81	1,195	4,446	4,951 56	736 91		23,582 95
1881-82	1,030	4,837	4,001 51	1,547 83		21,095 65
1882-83	976	5,220	3,578 99	1,426 12		22,022 52
1883-84	1,347	5,853	4,751 93	1,230 15		26,681 06
	70,048	246,830	\$272,627 29	\$38,313 95	\$34,580 75	\$955,453 80



[APPENDIX V.]

CIRCULATION.

The following Table shows the number of books delivered annually from the 30th of April, 1859, to the 30th of April, 1884. Prior to the former date there is no accurate record of the circulation of the Library.

YEAR.	Total issue.	Delivered at Main Library.	Delivered at Down Town Office.	Delivered at Other Branch Offices.	Delivered at Residence.	No. of Volumes Standard Literature delivered.	No. of Volumes Fiction delivered.	No. of Volumes in Foreign Languages delivered.	Daily Average. The Figures in this col. prior to those for '67 are approximate only.	Largest Circulation in one day.	Date of last column.
1859-60	64,263	46,097	18,166						223	1,573	Aug. 10.
1860-61	79,773	64,218	15,555						277	1,346	Feb. 27.
1861-62	95,575	76,827	15,748						322	1,832	Feb. 19.
1862-63	85,273	70,624	14,649						297	1,727	Mar. 18.
1863-64	102,049	85,092	16,957						355	1,772	Jan. 20.
1864-65	189,609	156,437	33,172						661	1,647	Jan. 24.
1865-66	178,218	154,952	23,266			40,102	134,117	3,936	696	1,467	Mar. 18.
1866-67	206,120	169,219	36,901			52,830	146,402	6,888	718	1,506	Aug. 11.
1867-68	203,894	151,588	44,060			54,137	141,214	8,543	710	2,052	Mar. 1.
1868-69	210,066	156,558	45,080			52,203	150,916	6,947	742	861	Mar. 6.
1869-70	234,120	175,110	47,826			57,272	169,646	7,202	760	1,036	Jan. 15.
1870-71	269,034	184,780	53,012			81,519	172,522	14,943	836	754	June 21.
1871-72	250,845	164,253	58,439	19,360	11,882	73,167	170,529	16,149	879	673	Feb. 24.
1872-73	239,533	163,696	51,378	24,284	12,869	62,489	159,889	17,155	780	878	Mar. 15.
1873-74	204,632	154,265	44,576	12,153	12,306	60,970	128,064	15,508	697		
1874-75	203,145	154,368	46,355		5,791	58,584	127,795	16,766	625		
1875-76	190,829	139,957	46,489		2,422	57,223	118,949	14,627	619		
1876-77	188,850	137,327	46,087		4,383	56,601	120,287	11,962	620		
1877-78	177,936	132,093	40,873		5,436	57,428	108,864	11,644	518		
1878-79	158,799	126,308	28,545		4,970	62,525	85,323	10,951	95-100		
1879-80	143,251	107,414	23,370	8,828	3,946	59,209	73,070	10,973	468		
1880-81	156,671	117,145	25,477	11,344	3,639	59,997	82,690	13,984	512		
1881-82	120,345	84,320	24,668	9,527	2,705	46,539	61,737	12,069	411		
1882-83	112,375	83,131	27,549		1,830	48,614	53,937	9,824	368		
1883-84	126,089	79,066	25,732	19,227	2,064	49,944	63,532	12,613	413		

## [ APPENDIX VI.]

## Book Account.

Number of volumes, April 30th, 1883.....		198,858
“ “ added this year by purchase ...	5,574	
“ “ “ “ donation.....	279	
	—————	5,853
French Books added.....	325	
German “ .....	355	
Other Foreign Books added.....	15	
English Books added... ..	5,158	
	—————	5,853
Folio and Quarto.....	424	
Octavo.....	1,390	
Duodecimo, etc .....	4,039	
	—————	5,853
On Theology.....	201	
“ Mental and Moral Sciences.....	131	
“ Political Science.....	288	
“ Natural Science.....	106	
“ Literature.....	780	
“ History, Geography and Travels.....	710	
“ Biography.....	390	
“ Mathematics.....	5	
“ Medicine.....	96	
“ Arts .....	288	
“ English Fiction.....	2,858	
	—————	5,853
Less Surplus and Imperfect Books sold.....	1,561	
	—————	4,292
Total No. of Volumes, April 30th, 1884.....		203,150
Books added by Clinton Hall Association.....	2,541	
Pamphlets added.....	300	

[ **APPENDIX VII.** ]

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Executive Force.

*Librarian,*

WM. T. PEOPLES.

*Assistant Librarian.*

T. J. TITUS.

*Assistant Cataloguer.*

CHARLES BRUN.

*Book-Keeper and Cashier.*

T. J. McSTRAVICK.

*Desk Clerks.*

CHAS. COX

H. A. LONG.

*Collector.*

THOS. CRINNIGAN.

*Reading Room Attendant.*

JOHN J. McSTRAVICK.

*Superintendents of Branches.*

JAMES H. WOOD.

JOHN J. O'BRIEN.

*Messengers.*

JOHN GERDES.

THOS. DNIGNAN.

*Janitor.*

JOHN CRINNIGAN.

## [ APPENDIX VIII.]

# LIST OF DONORS

TO THE

## Mercantile Library Association,

*For the Year ending April 30, 1884.*

	VOLS.	PAM.
Acton, Thomas C. ....	1	
Adams, Charles Francis, Jr., Quincy, Mass. ....	1	
American Academy of Medicine. ....		5
“ Antiquarian Society. ....		3
“ Bible Society. ....		1
“ Geographical Society of New York. ....	11	2
“ Numismatic and Archæological Society. ....	1	
“ Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. ....		1
“ Veterinary College. ....		1
Andover Theological Seminary. ....		1
Astor Library. ....		1
Baker, Wm. E. S., Philadelphia. ....	1	
Baldwin, O. S. ....	1	1
Balfour, David M., Boston. ....	9	
Baltimore Peabody Institute. ....	1	1
Boston Public Library. ....	1	5
Bradlee, C. D., Boston. ....		4
Bradstreet Company. ....	1	2
Bridgton Academy. ....	1	
Brookline, Mass., Public Library. ....		1
Brooklyn (City of) Superintendent of Public Instruction. ....	1	
“ “ Library. ....		2
“ “ Woman’s Dispensary and Hospital. ....		1
Buffalo “ Young Men’s Library. ....	1	
Carter, James C. ....	1	
Chicago Public Library. ....		1
Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce and Merchants’ Exchange. ....	1	
“ Common Schools. ....	1	
“ Public Library. ....	1	4
“ St. Xavier College. ....		1
“ Young Men’s Mercantile Library Association. ....		1
Cleveland Public Library. ....	1	1
Cobden Club. ....	1	



	VOLS.	PAM.
Cooper Union.....		1
Croes, J. James R.....	1	
Danvers, Peabody Institute.....		1
Dayton, Charles N.....	1	
De Peyster, General J. W., Tivoli, Dutchess C'y.....	1	
Deutsche Gesellschaft der Stadt New York.....		2
Deutscher Rechtsschutz-Verein.....		1
Dixwell, George Basil, Boston.....	1	
Drawbaugh Telephone and Telegraph Co.....		1
Druilhet, I. A.....	3	
Edmands, John, Philadelphia.....	1	
Ellis, John, M. D., Edgewater.....		1
Engler, Edmund A., St. Louis.....		2
Essex Institute, Salem, Mass.....		1
Feuardent, Gaston L.....	1	
Francis, Samuel W., M. D., Newport.....	2	1
Gerard, James W.....		5
Germantown, Friends' Free Library and Reading Room....		2
Gibney, V. P., M. D.....	1	
Goebel, Dr. Julius.....	1	
Guthrie, Malcolm, Liverpool, Eng.....	1	
Guyot, Arnold.....		1
Halifax, Joint Libraries.....		1
Hanford, August.....	1	
Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co.....	1	
"    Trinity College.....		1
Harvard Club of New York City.....	1	
"    University.....		3
Hawkins, Dexter A.....		1
Helleberg, C. G., Cincinnati.....	1	
Hewitt, Hon. Abram S.....	1	
Hull, John Henry, Brooklyn.....		1
Indian Rights Association.....		1
Indianapolis Board of School Commissioners.....		1
Inebriates' Home, Fort Hamilton.....		1
Iowa State Library.....	1	
Italy, Ministry of Agriculture.....	1	
Jacobi, Abraham, M. D.....		1
Kansas (State of) Board of Agriculture.....	1	
Keppler & Schwarzmänn.....	3	
Kiddle, Henry, A. M.....	1	
Kingsley, William C.....	1	
Konvalinka, I. G., Astoria.....	1	1
Lancaster, Mass., Library Committee... ..		1
Lathrop, George Parsons.....	1	
Lawrence, Richard Hoe.....		1
Lester, C. Edwards.....	1	
Lexington, Washington and Lee University.....		1
Liverpool, Free Public Library, Museum, etc.....		1
London, Society of Arts, etc.....	1	
Long Island Historical Society.....		1
Ludlow, Thomas W., Yonkers.....		1

	VOLS.	PAM.
Lynn, Mass., Public Library.....		1
McCook, Hon. Anson G.....	8	
Macmillan, A. K.....	2	
Manchester, N. H., City Library.....		1
Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital.. . ,.....		1
May, George Thomas.....	2	
Meade, George, Philadelphia.....	1	
Merriam, Augustus C.....	1	
Metcalf, L. S.....	4	46
Middlesex Mechanics' Association, Lowell, Mass.....		1
Nagle, John T.....		1
Neimyer, W. G.....	2	5
New Bedford, Free Public Library.....		1
New Jersey, State Geologist.....	1	
"    "    "    Library.....	3	
New York (City of) Board of Aldermen.....	5	
"    "    "    Education.....	4	
"    "    "    Police Justices.....	1	
"    "    "    Trade and Transportation....	1	
"    "    "    Commission to Select and Lo-		
cate Lands for Public Parks.	1	
"    "    "    Fire Department .....	1	
"    "    "    Health Department.....		24
"    (State of) Canal Department.....	1	
"    "    Executive Chamber.....	1	
"    "    Secretary of State.....	43	
"    "    State Library.....	1	
"    Academy of Sciences.....		7
"    Anti-Monopoly League.....		1
"    Apprentices' Library.....		1
"    Arcade Railway.....		2
"    Asso'n for Improving the Condition of the Poor..		1
"    Chamber of Commerce.....	1	
"    Civil Service Commission.....		1
"    College of the City of.....		1
"    Colored Home and Hospital.....		1
"    Dispensary .....		2
"    Electric Medical College .....		1
"    Free Circulating Library.....		1
"    General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen...	1	1
"    Home for Incurables .....		1
"    Hospital and Bloomingdale Asylum.....		1
"    Institution for the Blind....		2
"    Loan Relief Association.....		1
"    Meteorological Observatory of the Department of		
Public Parks.....		1
"    Produce Exchange .....	2	
"    Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children		1
"    "    "    Reformation of Juvenile Delin-		
quents.....		2
"    "    "    Relief of the Rupt'd and Crippled		1
"    Woman's Medical College of the N. Y. Infirmary.		1

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	VOLS.	PAM.
New York Young Men's Christian Association.....		2
Newburyport Public Library.....		1
Newport Natural History Society.....		1
Newton Free Library.....		1
Norvell, D. R., New Brighton.....		1
Oakland, Cal., Superintendent of Public Schools.....		1
Ohio Mechanics' Institute.....		2
"    State Library.....	4	1
Paine, Henry D., M. D.....		2
Perkins, Fred. B., San Francisco.....		1
Philadelphia Apprentices' Library Company.....		1
"    College of Pharmacy, Alumni Association....		1
"    Library Company.....		2
"    Mercantile Library Company.....		6
"    Social Science Association.....		2
"    Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania...		1
Phillips, Henry, Jr., A. M., P. D., Philadelphia.....	1	
Polytechnic Society of Kentucky.....		1
Poole, William F., Chicago.....		1
Porter, General Fitz-John, Morristown, N. J.....	1	1
Providence Athenæum.....		1
"    Public Library.....		1
Pychowska, Mrs. L. D., Hoboken.....	1	
Quebec, Literary and Historical Society.....		1
Ranney, Ambrose L., A. M., M. D.....	1	
Roberts, Milton Josiah, M. D.....		1
Rochester University.....		1
Romero, M., Washington, D. C.....	29	7
St. Louis, Mercantile Library Association.....		1
"    "    Public School Library.....		2
San Francisco, Chamber of Commerce.....		1
"    "    Free Public Library.....		1
"    "    Mercantile Library Association.....		1
"    "    Odd Fellows' Library.....		1
"    "    St. Ignatius College.....		1
Santa Clara College.....		1
Shannon, R. C.....	1	
Sheltering Arms.....		2
Slocum, Charles E., Defiance, O.....	1	
Smithmeyer, J. L., Washington, D. C.....		1
Smithsonian Institution.....	7	2
State Penitentiary for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.		1
Stuart, Mrs. Robert L.....	1	
Terre Haute, Ind., Rose Polytechnical Institute.....		1
Thurber, F. B.....		1
Todd, David P., Amhurst .....	1	
Toledo Public Library.....		2
Tompkins, F.....		1
Tufts' College, College Hill, Mass.....		1
United Hebrew Charities.....		1
United States Census Office.....	1	
"    "    Chief of Engineers.....	4	



	VOLS.	PAM.
United States Chief of Ordnance.....	1	
“ “ “ “ the Bureau of Statistics....		10
“ “ “ Signal Officer.....	2	1
“ “ Coast and Geodetic Survey .....	2	
“ “ Commissioner of Education .....	2	10
“ “ “ “ Patents.....	13	
“ “ Department of Justice.....	4	
“ “ Library of Congress.....		1
“ “ Life Saving Service .....	1	
“ “ Naval Observatory.....	1	
“ “ Secretary of State....	13	6
“ “ “ “ the Interior.....	20	
“ “ “ “ Treasury.....	3	
“ “ “ “ War.....	1	
“ “ Surgeon-General .....	1	1
Unkown Friends.....	2	2
Vacaville Normal and Scientific School.....		1
Vincent, Frank, Jr .....	3	
Vinton, Alfred, Princeton.....		1
Voorhis, Peter....		1
Weisse, John A.....	2	
Whiton, Louis Claude.....		2
Wilmington Institute.....		1
Worcester Free Public Library.....		2
Yale College.....		3



## [ APPENDIX IX.]

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# HONORARY MEMBERS

OF THE

## Mercantile Library Association.

MAY 1, 1884.

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Hon. Charles Francis Adams  
Benjamin G. Arnold  
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S. Hastings Grant  
Gen. Ulysses S. Grant  
Wm. H. Guion  
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William Harris, D. D.  
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John R. Hurd  
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Louis Kóssuth  
Richard Lathers  
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Benj. F. Manierre  
Manton Marble  
Samuel Marsh  
Hon. F. E. Mather  
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Edmund Moorewood  
D. Colden Murray  
J. Seaver Page  
S. H. Pennington, M. D.  
George L. Prentiss, D. D.  
William C. Prime  
Rossiter W. Raymond  
Wm. Remsen  
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Alex. S. Webb  
Hon. Wm. H. Wickham

## [ APPENDIX X. ]

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STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION  
OF THE  
Permanent Catalogue Fund.

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NEW YORK, May 5th, 1884.

*To the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association :*

GENTLEMEN :—Pursuant to the Articles creating the Permanent Catalogue Fund, I respectfully submit the following report of the moneys in my hands at the present date belonging to said Fund :

Cash on hand, as per last report.. . . . .	\$3,092 03
Interest accrued to January 1, 1884.....	115 09
Received from Mercantile Library, May 5, 1884, balance due to this Fund.....	400 00
	\$3,607 12
Paid January 30, 1884, to the Mercantile Library, by order of its Board, the interest on the Fund for the year 1883.....	\$115 09
Cash on hand.....	\$3,492 03
\$1,913 49 in Institution for the Savings of Merchants' Clerks. 1,578 54 " Citizens" Savings Bank.	
	\$3,492 03

Very respectfully,

A. W. SHERMAN,

*Treasurer.*

## [APPENDIX XI.]

## CORRESPONDENCE.

New York, February 25, 1884.

A. WETMORE, JR.,

President of the Mercantile Library Association of the City of New York.

DEAR SIR :—We would like to present to your Association a bust of John W. Stebbins, one of your earlier Presidents, who has been honorably remembered in the history of the Institution. The work is in marble, made in Rome by his sister, Miss Emma Stebbins, and has been approved as a work of art and for its resemblance to the original. Should you think proper to accept it, after judging of its merits, and will assign to it a place in your public hall or rooms, we should be pleased to place it at your disposal.

Very respectfully, yours,

MRS. M. GARLAND.

20 West 16th Street.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, }  
NEW YORK, February 27th, 1884. }

MADAM :—Your communication of the 25th instant has been received, and on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association, I am requested to express their thanks for the honor your gift will bestow upon our Institution.

The memory of our early officers is endeared to us by the knowledge of their earnest efforts in behalf of the success of the Library.

It will afford our Committee great pleasure to confer with you upon the reception of the gift at your convenience, kindly suggesting that any evening would be at our command.

Very respectfully,

AUG'S WETMORE, JR.,

*Chairman Art Committee.*

TO MRS. M. GARLAND,

20 West 16th Street, New York City.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, }  
NEW YORK, April 24th, 1884. }

*Mrs. M. Garland :*

DEAR MADAM :—It affords me great pleasure, on behalf of the Board of Directors and of the Members of the Mercantile Library



Association, to acknowledge the donation of a bust of the late John W. Stebbins, the fifth President of the Association. The gift of this bust recalls the efforts and labors of Mr. Stebbins for the welfare of our Institution in its infancy.

The tablet which now adorns the walls of the Library was erected by the Members of the Association in recognition of these valuable services. Your gift, with its accompanying pedestal, has been assigned a prominent place in our Library, where it may be seen by all who enter. We extend to you and the members of Mr. Stebbins' family a cordial invitation to visit our rooms and view the statue in its permanent home.

Yours, very truly,

ALEX. M. EAGLESON,  
*President.*

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MORRISTOWN, N. J., April 7, 1884.

*President of the Mercantile Library:*

SIR:—The Librarian of the Mercantile Library informed me that my bust of the poet Burns would be acceptable to the Library. Will please inform me how I may address it for shipment.

Yours truly,

JAMES CHAMBERS.

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MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, }  
New York, April 10, 1884. }

*James Chambers, Esq.:*

DEAR SIR:—Your communication of the 7th instant was duly received, and I am requested by the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association to thank you sincerely for the bust of the poet Robert Burns, and to state that it will be a very acceptable addition to our much-prized donations of statuary and will have accorded an honored position.

Let us trust that seeing the poet's kindly face may induce many a young man to open his poems and gather therefrom such rare pleasure and profit as the reading of Burns' verses must give to everyone who thoughtfully cons them.

We would suggest that the bust be given in charge of an express company, to be delivered at the Library building.

Very respectfully yours,

A. WETMORE, JR.,

*Chairman of the Art Committee,*



[ **APPENDIX XII.** ]

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OFFICERS AND MEMBERS  
OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTION  
AND

Officers of the Association for 1884—85.

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*President,*

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*Vice-President,*

CHAS. H. PATRICK.

*Treasurer,*

FRANK MUNN.

*Secretary,*

FREDK. A. SANDLAND.

*Directors,*

CHAS. WAGER HULL.

ALEX. M. EAGLESON.

J. L. GRAHAM.

JOHN BYERS.

A. WETMORE, JR.

JAMES MAGEE.

W. D. SEARLS.

A. L. BELL.

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**[APPENDIX XIII.]**

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**TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT CATALOGUE FUND.**

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A. H. TIMPSON,

*President Mercantile Library Association, ex-officio.*

F. A. SANDLAND,

*Secretary Mercantile Library Association, ex-officio.*

ISAAC H. BAILEY,

*President of the Clinton Hall Association, ex-officio.*

DANIEL F. APPLETON,                      ARTHUR W. SHERMAN,

*From the Members at Large.*

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**TRUSTEES OF THE CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.**

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CORNELIUS N. BLISS,

HENRY A. OAKLEY,

ISAAC H. BAILEY,

*President.*

HUGH N. CAMP,

*Secretary.*

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